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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants request that the application be amended as follows. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended, by enclosure of a petition and fee, to and through January 2, 2003.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4, 5, 142 and 143 to read as follows:

- E1
4. (Amended twice) A method for identifying a compound that increases the activity of prokaryotic elongation factor p (efp) comprising the steps of:
- (a) contacting efp with a compound; and